

# MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

**Location:** CDFA Auditorium  
1220 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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## MEETING MINUTES FOR July 25, 2007

Item  
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### (1) **CALL TO ORDER**

- (a) The meeting was called to order Wednesday, July 25, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Al Montna, President of the State Board of Food and Agriculture presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by Al Montna.
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

### (2) **ROLL CALL**

Roll call taken by Helen Lopez, Executive Director. A quorum was present.

#### **Present:**

Ashley Boren	Drue Brown	Luawanna Hallstrom
Craig McNamara	Al Montna	Adan Ortega
Ann Bacchetti-Silva	Rick Standiford	Tom Deardorff

#### **Absent:**

Wayne Bidlack	Donald Bransford	Marvin Meyers
William Moncovich	Karen Ross	

### (3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 27, 2007**

**MOTION:** Board Member Ashley Boren moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Drue Brown and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

### (4) **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

Undersecretary George Gomes provided an update on the 2007 Farm Bill. It was also announced that Deputy Secretary Valerie Brown will retire as of July 25<sup>th</sup> and General Counsel John Dyer will retire in August.

### (5) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Undersecretary George Gomes and Board President Al Montna presented a proclamation on behalf of the Board to Charlie Crab, former member of the CA Department of Food and Agriculture State Board.

**ACTION:** Board President Al Montna provided the Board a letter received by Congressmen Dennis Cardoza, Jim Costa and Kevin McCarthy requesting the endorsement from the Board for H.R. 2149, the “Farm Bill Extension Act of 2007.” In response, a letter was generated on behalf of the Board supporting and endorsing H.R. 2149.

**MOTION:** Board Member Adan Ortega recommended and moved that the Board take on the CALFED issue & provide incentives for drought tolerance. It was also moved to encourage the allowance of honey bees into CALFED restoration areas. The motion was seconded by Board Member Ashley Boren and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

**ACTION:** Board President Al Montna requested Drue Brown to draft a resolution on Climate Change. It was also recommended that Board Members Adan Ortega and Ashley Boren assist with the draft.

**(6) PRESENTATIONS BY GUEST SPEAKERS**

Drue Brown provided opening remarks and introduced the following speakers.

**Panel 1 – Legislative and Regulatory Overview**

Andrew S. Altevogt, PhD, PhD, Climate Change Advisor, Office of the Secretary, California Environmental Protection Agency– Climate Control, AB 32 Implementation

Paul Martin, Director of Environmental Services, Western United Dairymen– Climate Registry

John White, Executive Director, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies– Renewable Energy

Cynthia Cory, Environmental Affairs, CA Farm Bureau Federation– Economic Technology Advancement Advisory Committee Report

**Panel 2 – Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**

Dr. Amy Luers, California Climate Manager, Global Environment Program, Union of Concerned Scientists– Perspective on The Study of Effects that Plants have on Climate and Vice Versa

Dennis D. Baldocchi, Professor of Biometeorology, Ecosystem Science Division, Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management – Perspective on The Study of Effects that Plants have on Climate and Vice Versa

Dr. Thomas Tomich, Director, UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program - Perspective on The Study of Effects that Plants have on Climate and Vice Versa

**Panel 3 – Carbon Sequestration/Farm Source Renewable Energy**

Dr. Will Horwath, Professor, Land Air Water Resources (LAWR), University of CA – Carbon Sequestration

Guy Phillips, President, Intellergy Corp. – Economic Opportunities in Carbon Management

Lee Ruth, Board of Directors, Synergetic Enterprise Development Group – Farm Source Renewable Energy

#### **Panel 4 – Decline in Honey and Native Pollinator Populations**

Dr. Eric Mussen, Extension Apiculturist, UC Davis Department of Entomology - Decline of Honeybees and Colony Collapse Disorder

Dr. Claire Kremen, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science, Policy & Management - Contributions of Native Pollinators to California Agriculture

Scott Black, Executive Director, Xerces Society - National Legislation on Pollination Issues

*(All presentations and statements provided by the speakers are attached for further details.)*

**(7) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**(8) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 P.M.